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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP

SUBJ: NIMEIRI VISIT TO U.S.

REF: (A) STATE 202852 (B) KHARTOUM 3593 (C) KHARTOUM 3680

1. WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN CONFIRMING DETAILS RE NIMEIRI VISIT TO U.S. MIN PRESIDENCY AFFAIRS, DR. BAHA EL-DIN IDRIS IS OUT OF COUNTRY AND NO ONE SEEMS TO KNOW WHEN HE WILL RETURN. UNDERSECRETARY AT FONMIN IS PRESENTLY UNAVAILABLE. HOWEVER, CHIEF AMERICAS DEPARTMENT AT FONMIN RASHID KHIDER DISCUSSED VISIT WITH UNDERSECRETARY AND PROVIDED WHATEVER INFO HE HAD IN MEETING AT NOON SATURDAY AUGUST 12.

2. IN GENERAL KHIDER CONFIRMED INFO IN REF A. HE SAID NIMEIRI SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT UNGA SEPTEMBER 27 AND THAT HE INTENDS VISIT WASHINGTON AND SELECTED U.S. STATES PRIOR TO THAT. AS FAR AS HE KNOWS FRIM ETA AND ETD FOR NIMEIRI IN WASHINGTON NOT RPT NOT YET DECIDED HERE. KHIDER SAID FRANCIS DENG MAKING ARRANGEMENTS AND HE LIKELY TO KNOW AS MUCH AS ANYONE. HOWEVER, FONMIN HAS YET TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DENG ON ARRANGEMENTS.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH GERMAN CHARGE' SATURDAY, CONFIDENTIAL

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HE TOLD ME NIMEIRI WILL BE IN WEST GERMANY OCTOBER 1 - 6 AND FROM THERE WILL GO TO BELGIUM. DATES IN GERMANY ARE FIRM AND THEREFORE EUROPEAN PORTION OF TRIP WILL DEFINITELY FOLLOW U.S. PORTION.

4. COMMENT: UNFORTUNATELY, NO ONE HERE IS ABLE TO BE VERY PRECISE REGARDING NIMEIRI'S SCHEDULE IN U.S. I

STRESSED TO KHIDER OUR URGENT NEED TO HAVE FIRM ETA
AND ETD AS WELL AS OTHER INFO SUCH AS WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANY-
ING PRESIDENT. OFFICIALS HERE MAY BE WAITING GO-AHEAD
WORD FROM DENG BEFORE FIRING PLANS. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO
BE IN TOUCH WITH KHIDER AND IN ABSENCE DR. BAHA WILL TRY
TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH HIS OFFICE DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENTIAL
PALACE PROTOCOL OFFICE IN HOPES THEY MAY BE HELPFUL. AM ALSO
TRYING REACH MINSTATE IZZ EL-DIN HAMID.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: MEANWHILE, SUGGEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE
EMBASSY ON SPECIFIC DETAILS IT WILL NEED KNOW SO WE CAN
TRY TO SECURE THIS INFO WITH MINIMUM DELAY.
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